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M 6.8, EASTERN HONSHU, JAPAN

Origin Time: Wed 2008-07-23 15:26:19 UTC
Location: 39.80°N 141.46°E Depth: 108 km

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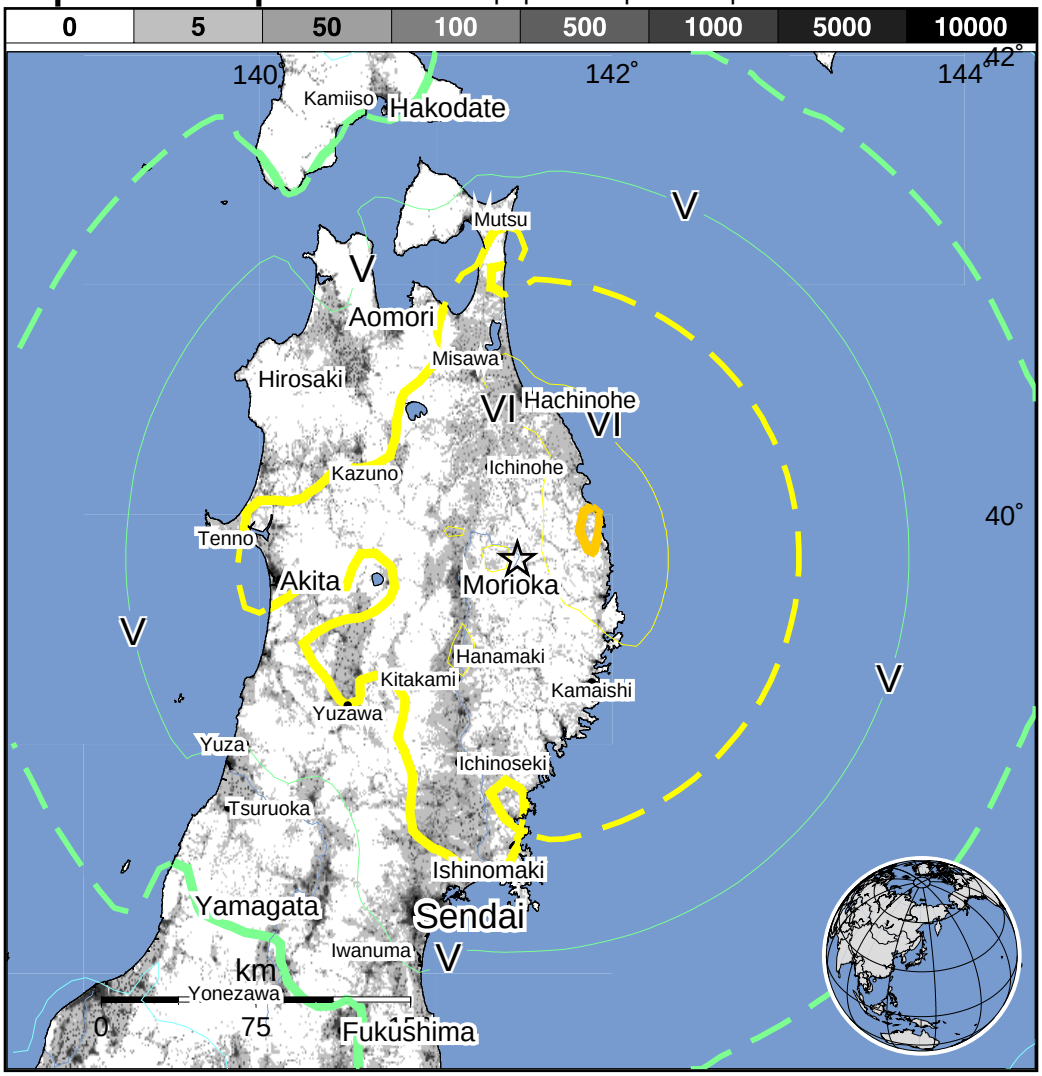
Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)		- -*	190k*	2,719k*	3,442k	3,707k	154k	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		**I**	**II-III**	**IV**	**V**	**VI**	**VII**	**VIII**	**IX**	**X+**
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	**Resistant Structures**	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure

population per ~1 sq. km from Landscan 2006



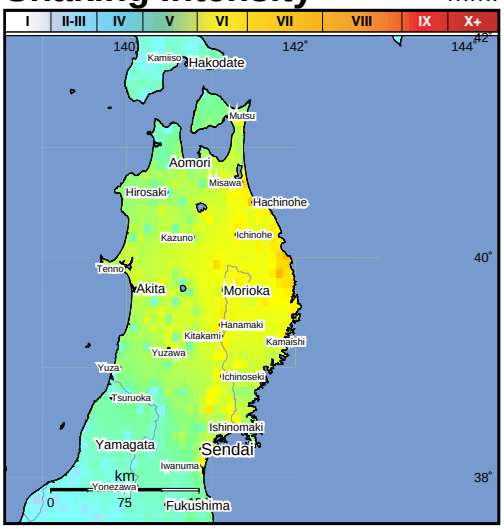
Selected City Exposure

MMI	City	Population
VII	**Hachinohe**	**239k**
VI	**Misawa**	**42k**
VI	**Hanamaki**	**73k**
VI	**Kamaishi**	**43k**
VI	**Ichinoseki**	**62k**
VI	Miyako	51k
VI	**Ichinohe**	**15k**
VI	**Akita**	**320k**
VI	**Sendai**	**1,037k**
V	**Aomori**	**298k**
IV	Niigata	505k

bold cities appear on map (k = x1000)

Shaking Intensity

MMI



Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are a mix of vulnerable and earthquake resistant construction. A magnitude 6.6 earthquake 365 km Northeast of this one struck Niigata, Japan on October 23, 2004 (UTC), with estimated population exposures of 481,000 at intensity IX or greater and 386,000 at intensity VIII, resulting in an estimated 67 fatalities. On July 12, 1993 (UTC), a magnitude 7.7 earthquake and tsunami 389 km Northeast of this one struck Hokkaido Nansei-Oki, Japan, with estimated population exposures of 4,000 at intensity VIII and 84,000 at intensity VII, resulting in an estimated 230 fatalities. Recent earthquakes in this area have caused, landslides and fires that may have contributed to losses.